

## **DRAFT – Technical Committee Charter City of Tucson Habitat Conservation Planning Process**

Purposes Statement: To bring the best available science to bear on the development of conservation recommendations that will assist the Stakeholder Committee (SC; charter in Exhibit A) with attaining the goals they have established for the City of Tucson Habitat Conservation Planning process. Specifically, these recommendations will provide the SC and the City of Tucson with the technical information to assist with the development of a Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) and other appropriate land-use policies, such as Safe Harbor Agreements (SHA) and Candidate Conservation Agreements with Assurances (CCAA).

### Objectives:

1. Define conservation targets (species and natural communities).
  - a. Species which will be considered for an HCP are:
    - i. Federally endangered, threatened, proposed, or candidate species occurring or with suitable habitat in the planning area; and
    - ii. Species whose population numbers are generally declining throughout their range and are threatened by human activities such that there is a reasonable likelihood that these species could be federally listed within the next 5-10 years, who are present or have suitable habitat within the planning area, and for whom conservation efforts in the planning area will make a significant contribution to their long-term conservation.
  - b. Species which will be considered for SHAs or CCAAs are:
    - i. Federally endangered, threatened, proposed, or candidate species having a likelihood of becoming established naturally within the planning area as a result of habitat restoration activities; and
    - ii. Species whose population numbers are generally declining throughout their range and are threatened by human activities such that there is a reasonable likelihood that these species could be federally listed within the next 5-10 years and for whom there is a likelihood of becoming established naturally within the planning area as a result of habitat restoration activities.
  - c. Species which will be considered for voluntary planning recommendations:
    - i. Species with uncertain status with respect to likelihood for listing within the next 5-10 years, who are present or have suitable habitat within the planning area or could have suitable habitat created as a result of restoration activities, and for whom conservation efforts in the planning area will make a significant contribution to their long-term conservation; and
    - ii. Species and special elements unique to the planning area.
2. Define the final planning area boundary (Exhibit B).
3. Provide technical review and general guidance to the City of Tucson and their consultant during the course of the planning process (outlined in Exhibit C).
4. Develop specific conservation strategies, including a conservation reserve design and adaptive management guidelines for use by the SC who is chartered with developing implementation (policy and funding) recommendations to the City.

Operating Principles and Responsibilities:

1. Meetings will be open to the general public. Formal public comment will be accepted at the end of each meeting.
2. Agendas and previous meeting summaries will be developed in advance of meetings and distributed to TC, SC, and interested parties. It is essential that decision points be memorialized and any differences among committee members identified.
3. The TC is self-policing. TC participants are expected to be objective, constructive, solution-oriented, fair, and respectful. The TC is authorized to ask a participant to remove themselves from the committee if at any time these expectations are not met.
4. TC members are appointed and alternates are not available except by prior approval of the TC.
5. The TC can invite other experts to assist them in their work provided that they have clear areas of expertise relevant to the committee's work.
6. The TC will fill any vacancies that may occur throughout the planning period.
7. The TC will be assisted by a designated facilitator provided by the City of Tucson.
8. A planning consultant and City planning staff shall develop all technical work products.

Anticipated Time Frame:

Anticipated Date	Task
July/August 2004	Kick-off meetings
October 2004	Final species list developed and prioritized/categorized as appropriate
December 2005	Impact assessment completed for all conservation targets
March 2005	Conservation strategies completed for all conservation targets
April 2005	Implementation and adaptive management and monitoring plans for all conservation targets drafted
May 2005	Public review of draft plan
June 2005	Council review of draft plan and decision regarding Phase 2 of HCP process
June 30, 2005	Draft plan due to Arizona Game and Fish Department

Technical Committee Members:

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## EXHIBIT A – Stakeholder Committee Charter

Purposes Statement: The Stakeholder Committee (SC) members share a common interest in balancing the biological integrity of natural ecosystems with economic development interests through regional conservation planning. Efforts to coordinate conservation actions among local, State and Federal agencies, organizations, and private landowners are well established in Pima County. The City of Tucson conservation planning effort seeks to continue coordination among interested parties and to establish a framework for collaborative conservation planning within the planning area (see Exhibit A).

Objectives: The SC, with input from a Technical Committee (TC) and the public, will make recommendations to the City of Tucson regarding a preferred conservation reserve design alternative and associated implementation measures to accomplish the following goals:

- b. Facilitate compliance with the Endangered Species Act Section 10(a) permit requirements for the City of Tucson;
- c. Recommend potential lands that merit inclusion within a scientifically-based conservation reserve designed to provide long-term protection for multiple species and key natural communities (conservation targets) along with appropriate mechanisms to conserve these lands over the long-term;
- d. Provide for regional economic objectives including the orderly and efficient development of certain lands, recognizing property rights and legal and physical land-use constraints, and in a manner that is consistent with the Conservation Land System status of the conservation planning areas;
- e. Contribute to regional conservation planning efforts in eastern Pima County by achieving consistency in conserving biological resources across jurisdictional boundaries.

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**EXHIBIT B –  
Initial Planning Area**

## EXHIBIT C – Planning Process

